PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**LPG Agency in Kangra District, H.P.**

116. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 57 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1999 and state whether in the District Kangra LPG distributorship at Nagrota, Lambagaon, Pragpur and Ranital have started functioning, if so, from which date in each case and if not, the reason for delay and by which time these will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): LPG distributorship at Nagrota Surian and at Ranital have been commissioned on 31.8.1999 and 25.1.2000 respectively. Interviews for the LPG distributorships at Lambgaon and Pragpur have not yet been conducted by the Dealer Selection Board. Dealer Selection Boards have since been dissolved.

**Engaging the Services of Private Placement Companies in EIL**

117. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers India Limited (EIL) have engaged the services of private placement companies for obtaining services of contract employees;

(b) if so, how many employees have been recruited through these private placement agencies with the names of such companies; and

(c) whether some of the contract employees taken from these private companies have been regularised and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

**Employment conditions of contract employees in EIL**

118. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1653 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 1999 and state:

(a) whether the employment condition of contract employees/ Engineers appointed by Engineers India Limited (EIL) are governed/ regulated by a Statute mentioned in parts (a) to (c) of the reply;

(b) if not, under what statutes/acts/rules, the services of these employees are governed;

(c) whether EIL will honour the orders/judgements of the full bench of the Supreme Court in a Writ Petition filed by SCOPE; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 is applicable only to contract labour engaged by Engineers India Limited (EIL) through contractors. Employment conditions of contract employees/engineers directly appointed by EIL are governed/regulated by the Personnel Policy/Rules/Regulations framed by the Company from time to time.

(c) EIL will honour the orders/judgement of the full bench of the Supreme Court in the Writ Petition in question, as applicable to the Company.

(d) Does not arise.